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Sir:

Submitted herewith are new drawing sheets for Figures 24 and 26 with the legend -PRIOR ART-. Please substitute the new drawing sheets for the corresponding drawings sheets originally filed with the patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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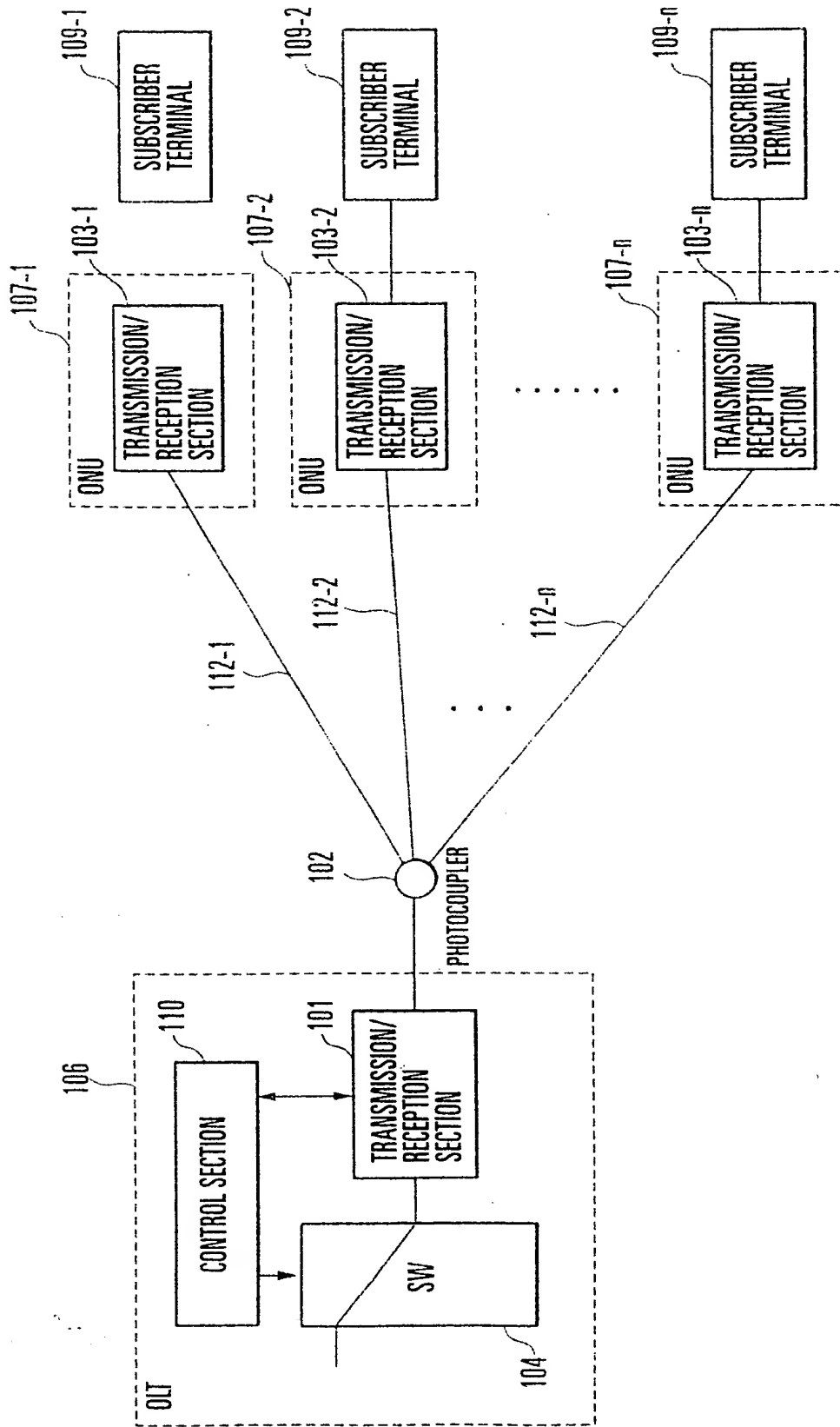


FIG. 24
PRIOR ART

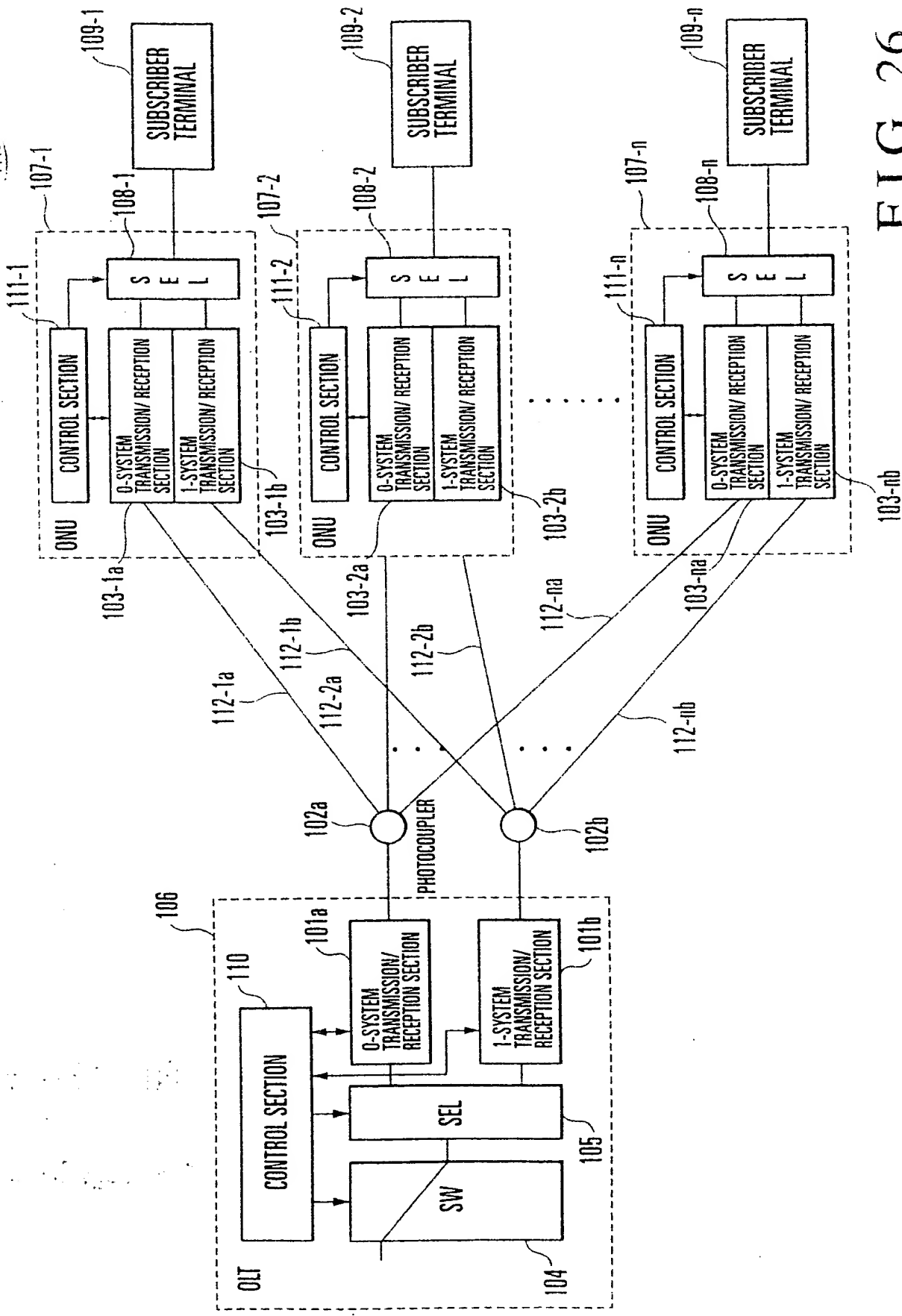
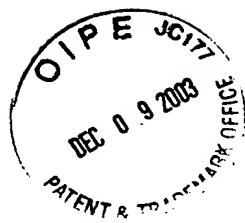


FIG. 26
PRIOR ART